Improper housing of children in Navodaya School Hostel at Horseley Hills in Andhra Pradesh

1808. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten children are sharing a single room in Navodaya School hostel situated at Horseley Hills in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the fact that the Navodaya Vidyalaya at Horseley Hills is presently functioning in a temporary building provided by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, there is some shortage of accommodation. It is proposed to ease the situation (a) by making more accommodation available on the site with the consent of State Government of Andhra Pradesh and (b) by constructing our own buildings in due course.

Allocation of funds to Guntur Macherla line for conversion from MG to BG

1809. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the reasons for not spending the allotted amount on gauge conversion of Guntur to Macherla line of South Central Railway during 1986-87?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): P. Way materials arranged for the work were transferred to other priority works in Andhra Pradesh, which were nearing completion. This resulted in the expenditure being less than the original allotment in 1986-87.

Airport between Guntur and Vijayawada

1810. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to locate an airport in between Guntur and Vijayawada;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when the construction is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

1811. [*Transferred to the 12th May, 1988*].

Festivals of India to be held abroad

1812. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 295 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the festivals of India proposed to be held abroad during the current financial year;

(b) what is the proposed durations of the festivals;

(c) the procedure adopted for selecting performing artists for being sent abroad for participation in the festivals of India;

(d) whether teachers of universities and colleges engaged in teaching performing arts are also sent abroad during these festivals for taking part in seminars to give demonstration lectures as a part of the festivals; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the affirmative, the procedure prescribed for their selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY